

# Outdoor Lighting

The City of Shoreline has adopted outdoor lighting regulations that are designed to provide a safe, secure night time environment while protecting neighborhood character and preventing light pollution. Outdoor lighting fixtures are required to be down-lit and shielded from neighboring properties (see Shoreline Municipal Code Sections 20.50.115, 20.50.205, 20.50.240, and 20.50.410(Q) ~Ord. 663).

## Problems with Outdoor Lighting

When outdoor lighting is not well-designed or properly installed, it can cause harmful glare, inefficient energy use, and light pollution. Four of the major consequences of poor outdoor lighting are:

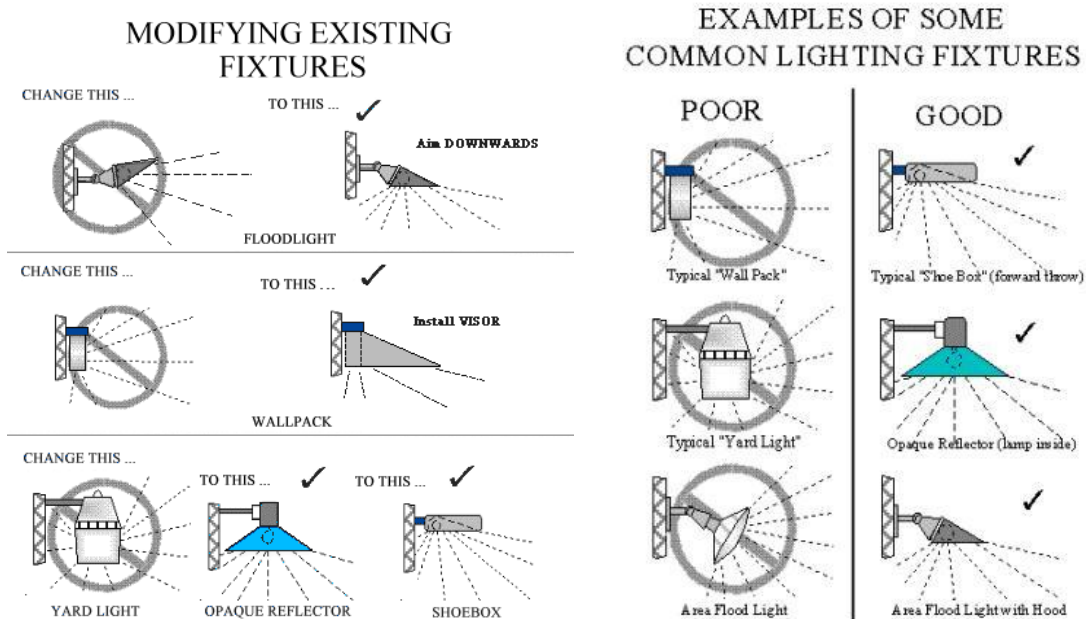
- Glare
- Light Trespass
- Energy Waste
- Night Sky Glow



Unshielded lights are no longer allowed

## Improve Your Existing Light Fixtures

You can bring your light fixtures into compliance by refocusing the light away from areas where it is not needed. This can be done by repositioning the light or simply by adding a hood or visor to the light in order to shift where the light is shining.



**Business Hours: M – F 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. ♦ Permit Processing Hours: M – F 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

*Note: This handout is for informational use only and is not to be substituted for the Shoreline Development Code.*

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